THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G.S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) Presently under the Integrated Rural Development Programme borrowers are not required to furnish any security for investment loans upto Rs. 5000. They are only required to hypothecate the assets created by the loans. In the Conference of State Rural Development Ministers held in Delhi on 24th October, 1986, there was a consensus that this limit be raised to Rs. 10000.

(c) The matter is under consideration in continuation with the Reserve Bank of India.

Sugar production

*379. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any increase in sugar production during the year 1985-86 as compared to 1984-85;

(b) if so, what is the extent of increase in the production;

(c) whether it would be necessary to import sugar in 1986-87, if so, the quantity expected to be imported; and

(d) whether import of sugar is likely to be stopped in view of increase in domestic production in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sugar production during 1985-86 season was 70.03 lakh tonnes (provisional) as against 61.44 lakh tonnes during 1984-85 season, showing an increase of 14 per cent over the previous year.

(c) and (d) In view of the encouraging trend in sugar production, the proposal for further import of sugar, if any, will be considered at the appropriate time after taking into account the production/consumption trends during 1986-87 season.

Shifting of heavy industry from Delhi

*380. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the D.D.A. have changed its rules regarding shifting of large and heavy industires from Delhi in pursuance of its new Act enacted in January, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the changes made and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Delhi Development Authority has however, issued in January, 1986, the Regulations, viz. the Delhi Development Authority (Zoning) Regulations, 1983 under section 57 read with section 14 of the Delhi Development Act, 1957, which *inter alia*, provide for shifting of non-conforming industrial uses.

Principle of accountability in Scientific Institutes

†2355. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the application of the principle of accountability in sicentific institutions is very poor which are now manned in a routine manner without any goals; if so, whether Government propose to enforce accountability amongst top managers in Council of Scientific and Agricultural Research (CSIR), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR); and

(b) whether it is also a fact that system of rotation of Heads of Divisions in ICAR Institutes has proved unworkable

†Previously Unstarred Question 1623, transferred from the 20th November, 1986.